

CAMDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL – REGULAR

THURSDAY, August 5, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Karen Moss at 7:00 P.M. Roll call was taken as follows: Kelly Doran – here, Toni Keesler – here, Judy Michael – here, Debbie Hickman – here, Jeff Steele – here, Wendell Mackie - absent and Karen Moss – here. Also in attendance was Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer, Rusty Wilson, Village Administrator and Nancy Melton, Clerk of Courts. Guests included Debbie Mason, Dan Michael, Kate Duskey, Robert Woodruff, Doug Smith, Tonya Smith and Chelsea Hoyt. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

MINUTES

Toni made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2021 meeting as written. Judy second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Fred Robinson who resides at 599 Ira Way addressed Council regarding a water bill he received for \$1,840.00 for a leak that he had on the property he owns adjacent to 599 Ira Way. He states that due to the July 4th holiday he had problems getting a plumber. Village Administrator Rusty Wilson addressed the issue that he (Mr. Robinson) knew about the leak and he tried fixing it himself but after approximately a week to 2 weeks the leak was finally fixed by a plumber. Kelly said we need to try to accommodate him a little because in order to stop the leak totally the whole park would have to have been shut down. So we need to come up with something we can all live with. Becky said for 100,000 gallons the cost would be \$343.63. Kelly asked Fred if he was good with that and Fred said that is a tremendous relief and yes, he is good with that. Kelly made a motion to adjust the bill from \$1,840.00 to \$343.63. Jeff second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Debbie Mason addressed Council with an update on the Farmers Market which has been going great and produce vendors are starting to participate. She updated on some of the plans for the Black Walnut Festival. Kelly asked if he could jump in real quick asking Council if they would consider giving an offer to the Camden Comeback to help with funding the Black Walnut Festival this year. A Resolution was drawn up by the Village solicitor for the Village to help with this community event due to the Camden Comeback taking over with very limited funds. Judy read the Resolution in full for the public. Kelly made a motion to adopt Resolution 2029-2021 to help fund the 2021 Black Walnut Festival in the amount of \$12,500.00. Jeff second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed. Debbie expressed her gratitude and the support that they are receiving. Kelly asked Becky what the cost would be for 100,000 gallons of water. The problem is he has no control over the master meter and those are things to be taken into consideration.

Ben Gunderson was introduced to Council by Kelly who mentioned they had a meeting with Ben, his father who is the economical director of Hamilton and a few others to discuss what Camden could do to bring business to them. Kelly said Ben is going to school to become a City Manager so Kelly talked to everyone on Council and he would like to see Ben work as an intern to possibly help build his resume and help us accomplish some things in the Village such as pulling Phase II together and maybe the project at 107 East Central Ave. Karen said she likes the idea but thinks maybe we need to put something in writing that is agreeable with him and us and for how long and what is expected.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Rusty said he didn't really have anything. Judy asked him about the sidewalk project and when that was going to start again. Rusty said because of COVID and unemployment he was going to start that back up in 2022.

Karen asked about the cameras at the park and if they are working. Rusty said they are and the Police Department has them linked to their phones.

REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER

Becky presented Ordinance #1030-2021 which would allow ODOT maintain and repair markings and road signs on the state routes within the Village limits. Also presented is Resolution #2028-2021 which would allow ODOT to apply salt and remove snow on the state routes with the Village limits. Council was given copies of both to review. Kelly asked why this is coming now and Becky said the last consents were done in 1992. Kelly said I can remember when somehow the Village became

responsible for the poles and lights there at 127 and I don't want something to happen if we sign these that we don't want. There was no deadline date in the letter so Council tabled until the next meeting so Kelly could have Rodney Creech look at it.

Becky mentioned that she had talked with the Somers Township Fiscal Officer regarding their American Relief money and that the Village might be offered some from them.

She also reminded the Mayor and Council to take their Public Records training that is required to be taken once per every 4 year term.

REPORT FROM CLERK OF COURTS

Nancy reviewed her July report with Council.

OLD BUSINESS

Karen said she thinks the Band of Flight concert on July 24th went well and she thinks we had 200-250 people and she has reached out to them to secure them for next year.

She reminded everyone that the 127 yard sales are this coming week and does the town have spaces that we rent out. Debbie said we do at the roadside park and we have a responsible person who coordinates it all. Becky said she was given a donation today of over \$700.00 from the vendors at the park. So if someone contacts the Village, Nancy and Becky have his contact information.

The Little Shop of Sharing has the back to school giveaway where they give shoes, backpacks and school supplies to students in the Preble Shawnee district. There are other places in the county that do this for other schools. They will be doing this next week and it is something that people have to sign up for.

August 15th, the Fire Department is having a Sunday Funday back to school event in conjunction with the Police Department and Camden Comeback with bouncy houses and lots of fun stuff.

She wanted to remind people that a representative for Congressman Warren Davidson comes once a month to the Town Hall to speak to people who may have concerns. He is here every 4th Wednesday of the month from 10:45 to 11:30.

The Orchard Hill Cemetery plans are coming along well. The event is Saturday, September 11th at 2:00 p.m. It is open to the public and transportation will be given from the First Southern Baptist Church to the location.

NEW BUSINESS

Karen attended the first meeting of the Preble County Development Partnership and they formally received our membership and voted us onto the board. At a past meeting Kelly Doran was going to be the representative and Debbie was the backup and neither one of them really wanted to do it, so I gave it more thought so I said I would serve on the board.

Craig Doty from the American Legion called first saying that they have money they would like to give the Village for any of our projects. Kelly said why don't we ask them to take the donation they want to give us and donate it to the Little Shoppe food pantry and are we able to use any of the covid money for the Little Shoppe food pantry. Karen said let's have a backup in case the American Legion is already donating to them. Debbie said we need some benches in the new gazebo and around the new splashpad. Second is the road/alley that goes back to the American Legion and we should be maintaining it. Kelly said he talked to Mr. Rogers at the county and part of that is a designated street. Debbie said the map says gravel driveway and Kelly said just because it's gravel doesn't mean it's not dedicated. I know they are thinking we should pave that and we can take it under consideration but our next paving project isn't for another 3 to 4 years. The third thing is some signage coming into the Village because they are back off the road. Kelly said that is something that we are going to get into.

Future events which we can't do something every month but the Black Walnut Festival is in October but maybe should we do something in August like do something at the gazebo when they are having the Funday Sunday or does anybody have any ideas. And what about Trick or Treat because I've already had people asking me about that. Is there something in December that we want to do because if we do want to do something we need to get on it. Kelly said do we want to do the gazebo dedication during the Black Walnut Festival and it could be something real quick. So what about Trick or Treat how do we decide when we are doing that. Kelly said you should always do Trick or Treat on Halloween except on Sundays or Wednesdays. This year it is on a Sunday so Kelly said what about Saturday the 30th from 6 to 8. Debbie said Santa always comes to Camden when the lights in the Village are lit up and that is usually the Saturday after Thanksgiving. This year it would be November 27th.

GENERAL DISCUSSION THOUGHTS & IDEAS

Kelly mentioned there is a group of people who get together and try to strategize about how to bring businesses to Camden. We hope we can build on the ideas we have received.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS

Judy made a motion to approve the purchase orders. Jeff second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Judy made a motion to approve the bills. Toni second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF JUNE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Toni made a motion to approve the June Financial Statement. Jeff second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Jeff made a motion to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Judy second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer

Karen Moss, Mayor